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From our house, to your house: Happy Labor Day

Annual national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

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Donations pay for those families who cannot afford it, or supplement families who can only make partial payments.

We never turn away deserving families for lack of payment.

Send in your donation. It is $40@ night. Send check or your credit card number with expiration date (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express only).

Mail to Kiwanis Family House, Inc. 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817-2308.

It is the source that keeps us in operation! It is that important!

Merriam-Webster defines an ambassador as: "an authorized representative or messenger."

Our Kiwanis Family House also has ambassadors.

A Kiwanis Family House Ambassador is a volunteer who is dedicated in service to enable a Sponsor Club to be successful in its mission.

This method of service is based on open and frequent communication with the sponsor club president either by email and/or telephone calls. The sponsor club president may designate another member of that club to be the point of contact.

Ambassadors may arrange special guest speakers as a program for a Sponsor Club. Ambassadors might suggest successful service projects that other Sponsor Clubs have used in the past. Ambassadors serve as a point of contact to answer any questions about our Kiwanis Family House. Ambassadors specifically inform presidents about:

- The mission of our Kiwanis Family House;
- The requirement to pay the annual dues of $100.00;
- The need to include in the Sponsor Club’s service fund (or foundation account) the need for an annual fund raiser for our Kiwanis Family House; and most importantly
- The requirement to vote (either in person or by proxy), at the annual meeting of our Kiwanis Family House in June of each year.

Refer to pages 6 and 7 To find the Ambassadors’ name and contact information.

There is a listing of clubs and which ambassador is assigned to what clubs.

Thank you to every Kiwanis Family member and club that has stepped up to help the Kiwanis Family House (KFH) this year. Both Kiwanis International and the California-Nevada-Hawaii District allowed us to show case the Kiwanis Family House by asking us to do seminars at their conventions.

The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln sponsored a bedroom at the House for $25,000 payable over 5 years and challenged others to follow.

The Kiwanis Club of Carmichael has met the challenge and we’ve been informed that a division and a region in CAL-NEV-HA are considering doing the same thing. So many Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K members show up on a regular basis at our KFH as volunteers and on fund raisers to help us with the many activities it takes to keep us operating 24/7.

Almost 90 Kiwanis Clubs have joined KFH as Sponsor Clubs and we just had our first Aktion Club become a sponsor (see page 3).

As we thank the 2011-12 Kiwanis Family leaders for keeping our the House as a high priority for your clubs and your members we ask the 2012-13 leaders to keep the support of Kiwanis Family House as an ongoing priority for your clubs. Families still need help to stay at the House and every $40 donation provides another night’s lodging for a family that could not otherwise afford to stay close to their ailing or injured family member in the hospital.

Each month we set a new record for the number of families, we served 164 in July...”
Important Dates

Kiwanis Family House
Board meetings
Kiwanis Family House
2875 50th Street
Sacramento, CA 95817
Second Thursdays 7:00 pm
2012
Sept 13
Oct 11
Nov 8
Dec 13
2013
Jan 10
Feb 13 (Wednesday)
Mar 14

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Kiwanis Family House
Mission Statement
"The mission of the Kiwanis Family House is dedicated to providing housing and support to families of seriously ill children and adults being treated at University of California, Davis, Sacramento."

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It is simple as 1-2-3
1. Do you shop at Save Mart, Smart, Food Maxx or Lucky Supermarkets?
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The bricks cost $100 each. The lettering grid is 15 spaces across and three rows deep.
Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, sponsored organizations, past presidents, honorary members, and more. They last longer than plaques.
For more information or a brick order contact editor.
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See us at:
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new record for the number of families, we served 164 in July.

We still have never turned away a family because they could not afford to pay because of the Kiwanis Family members who donate to the Sponsor A Family program. As long as we have money in the account we can continue to accept everyone that needs our help and still meet our financial obligations.

The next time you visit our KFH check out the new art work on the walls. Sacramento City College Professor Frank Zamora has had his students creating art work and they have donated over 30 paintings to the House. What a nice face lift for the rooms and public areas these nicely framed paintings have provided.

Former Board treasurer Joyce Blonskij and husband John came to the last board meeting and dropped off a $1000 check as she continues to donate commission checks from her recent international best-selling book “Own the Clouds” to the House.

Gary Christensen and Emily Chirk have organized several very successful money raising projects with the Fun Events Company. This has netted over $6,000 for our KFH.

The Board of Director honored Key Club Advisor Robert Tabares with a Bright Award for his efforts with Key Club Awakeathons raising over $50,000 for Kiwanis Family House.

We were also privileged to be visited by Kiwanis International President Alan Penn and wife Jeri the Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Richard Olmstead and wife Cheryl, and UCD Medical Center Chief Operating Officer Vincent Johnson last month. Each of them was very complimentary about our KFH and the service we provide.

This year, following the Strategic Plan, we have made major strides by upgrading our computer system and improving our accounting procedures. We owe special thanks to volunteer Dan Fisher for the computer set up and to the extra efforts of Linda Khiev for her work on accounting procedures.

We also have updated all of our Human Resources procedures and are in the process of revitalizing our fund raising, recognition, and volunteer programs. We have done so much but there is still more to be done.

Each day we are thankful for the members of the Kiwanis Family and their willingness to share their time, talent, and treasure so our House can continue to serve our many clients.

If you can help at this time with computers or Information Technology call House Director: Dan Germain, if you want to volunteer contact Board Member Karen Borman, to help with maintenance at the House call Board Member Calvin Harra, or if you want help with fund raising call Board Member Rita Beall. The contact information is listed in this issue of House Talk.

On behalf of our patients please accept my heartfelt thanks for all each of you do for KFH.

Till next time, Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill Hooper bhoopklg56@comcast.net
Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #125
Since October 1, 2001 to July 31, 2012, (the effective dates of this report), 11,143 families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC and Shriners Hospital for Children®.

This report covers over 11 years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted 872 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 872 families come from:

Alabama     Montana
Alaska       Nebraska
Arizona      New Hampshire
Arkansas     New Jersey
Colorado    New Mexico
Connecticut New York
Delaware     North Carolina
District of Columbia Ohio
Florida      Oklahoma
Georgia      Oregon
Idaho        Pennsylvania
Illinois     South Carolina
Indiana      South Dakota
Iowa         Tennessee
Kansas       Texas
Kentucky     Utah
Louisiana    Vermont
Maryland     Virginia
Massachusetts Washington
Michigan     West Virginia
Minnesota    Wisconsin
Mississippi  Wyoming
Missouri

Also, there have been families from:
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- England
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- People’s Republic of China
- Republic of Palau
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the “host” divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCDMC are not eligible to stay at our KFH.

Aren’t you glad that there is your Kiwanis Family House in Sacramento, California?

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Neighborhoods... not numbers!

The column to the left mentions numbers, where are guests are from, codified by Kiwanis Divisions.

This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of July 2012.

California
- Alturas (2)
- Anderson
- Arcata
- Auburn
- Bangor (2)
- Biggs
- Blairsden
- Calistoga
- Ceres (3)
- Chico (8)
- Clearlake
- Clovis (3)
- Colusa
- Corning (2)
- Cottonwood (5)
- Crescent City
- Doyle
- Escondido
- Eureka (2)
- Fairfield (2)
- Ferndale
- Floriston
- Fort Jones
- Fresno
- Gilroy
- Glendale
- Grass Valley (2)
- Greenville
- Gridley
- Hayward
- Hidden Valley Lake
- Hoopa (3)
- Hughson
- Jackson

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Neighborhoods... not numbers! (Cont’d)

- Klamath
- La Puente
- Lake Almanor
- Leggett (2)
- Livermore
- Lompoc
- Lucerne
- Madera
- Magalia
- Mammoth Lakes
- Marysville (2)
- Maxwell
- McKinleyville
- Mendocino
- Modesto (2)
- Mount Shasta
- Oakland
- Oneals
- Oroville
- Paradise
- Pittsburg
- Placerville
- Porterville
- Quincy
- Red Bluff
- Redding (11)
- River Pines (3)
- Riverbank
- Sacramento (2)
- San Andreas
- San Francisco (2)
- San Jose
- Santa Clara
- Shasta Lake
- Shingletown
- Smith River
- South lake Tahoe (3)
- Stockton
- Susanville
- Sutter Creek
- Taylorsville
- Vacaville (2)
- Valley Springs
- Willits
- Yreka
- Yuba City

Colorado
- Brighton

Florida
- Seffner

Idaho
- Boise

Mexico
- Comondú
- Guadalajara
- Alta Mirano
- Sinaloa
- Tijuana (2)

Montana
- Florence

New York
- Winthrop

Nevada
- Carson City
- Elko
- Gardnerville (4)
- Minden
- Reno (2)
- Smith
- Yerington (2)

Oregon
- Brookings
- Klamath Falls
- Portland

Washington
- Spokane

Kiwanis Family House
Current wish list

Our House Director, Dan Germain, always has a ready Wish List of items that are needed by our KFH. These items are usually readily available at a big box store, convenient store, or perhaps you have them at your home.

If you feel you can help out our KFH with an item, either take them to us or give us a call at (916) 736-0116 to arrange for a pick up.

FOR THE GUEST ROOMS
- bath towels, white, 30"x52"
- hand towels, white, 16"x30"
- wash cloths, white

OFFICE SUPPLIES:
- copy paper 8.5x11

CLEANING SUPPLIES:
- laundry soap (powder)
- fabric softener
- liquid dish washing machine soap
- small bottle dish washing soap

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- facial tissue (square boxes preferred)
- deodorants
- hair brushes
- personal travel-size shampoo, conditioner, and soap
- hand-held hair dryers

KITCHEN SUPPLIES
- coffee
- sugar
- cookies
- napkins
- Solo 12-ounce hot and cold drink cups

OTHER ESSENTIALS
- Air Wick w/air freshener warmer
- Ziploc® freezer bags – quart/gallon
- room deodorizers (need refills only – Cool, Mountain Breeze, Vanilla)
- individually wrapped candy for the reception desk

If you can’t fit them in an envelope, send gift cards for Sam’s Club and/or Costco.

21st Annual Red & White Ball

Karen Borman is reminding everyone to circle February 16, 2013 on their calendars. That is the date for the 21st Annual Red & White Ball benefit our Kiwanis Family House.

The date is set, but the price has not been set yet. It depends on the cost for the meal and a few other factors.

It will follow the same successful formula that has been developed over the decades.

Set your GPS for the Dante Club located at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825.

It is a dinner dance. will be a silent auction to provide you an opportunity to pick up some neat prizes and gifts, know the proceeds go to our Kiwanis Family House. Stay tuned!
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Creelman-Francisco Classic 2013

The Creelman-Francisco Classic is the oldest charity gold tournament in Kiwanis.

Shown above is the late Bob Creelman and the late Wilford "Red" Francisco. Bob Creelman first organized the event, and "Red" Francisco took it over when Bob passed away in 1977.

The 53rd annual will be held on the last Thursday in April, April 25th at the Davis Municipal Golf Course in Davis California.

All proceeds from that event support our Kiwanis Family House.

Mark your calendars. For details contact: Chris Creelman (916) 709-1839.

Clouds rain green

Past Kiwanis Family House Treasurer, Joyce Blonskij, realized that our organization did not have an endowment fund.

An endowment is a fund that is made up of gifts and bequests that are subject to a requirement that the principal be maintained intact and invested to create a source of income for an organization.

This is a goal for many non-profit organizations. It enables more energy to be concentrated for service, rather than raising money to keep the organization solvent.

With her "if is to be, it is up to me attitude" she is making it happen.

She is a Financial Advisor. As such she prepared a document which was initially meant for her clients.

This document grew like Topsy, and she realized she is writing a book.

The book "Own the Clouds" was published and became a best seller in many listings and categories. It is available from Amazon.com and even available in a Kindle Version (eBook).

Own the Clouds: The First Guide to Investing in Cloud Computing Companies shows you how to sift through all the contenders and invest in those who will define the cloud computing era. This book ramps you up quickly to:

- Understand the players and why they’re important
- Evaluate the stocks and choose wisely
- Read the charts and know what needs to be done in seconds

Here are some of the reviews:

"Before reading this book I felt I lacked the knowledge needed to make decisions regarding my retirement. I found myself empowered by my ability to understand and make informed decisions by the simplistic approach illustrated in "Own The Clouds." A must read for those intimidated by the world of finance."

"My kids, and especially my boys, are totally wrapped up in technology

Remember to think:

Cars can’t think...

Kids don’t think....

Rub-a-dub-dub

Do you like to read?
Do you like to watch TV?
Do you like to knit or crochet?
Would you like to do the above and provide community service?

Here is the plan.... Join the Rub-a-dub-dub team at our Kiwanis Family House.

President Bill Hooper, in his monthly message, mentioned that we had 164 families in July, a record.

What does that mean?
It means several things but importantly towels, sheets, and pillow cases must be washed.

This is putting an added burden on our staff who is already cleaning and vacuuming and such.

Here is the deal:
1. Gather up the items to be washed put them in the washing machines and soap and let the machines run.
2. When the wash is done, put the items in the dryer and turn them on.
3. While this is happening: read your books, watch TV, knit or crochet etc.

If this sounds like something you can do on a weekly basis contact House Director Dan Germain, at (916) 736-0116.

and cloud applications (apps). They know way more than me about all this stuff, but as soon as I started reading ‘Own the Clouds’, something clicked. I admit I won’t turn into an overnight cloud wiz kid, but this book has broadened how I look at the entire area, and I’m confident in time it will have a positive impact on my life.”

At a recent board meeting, Joyce presented her first royalty check to Bill Hooper, to be used for seed money for an endowment.

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Even for those who invest considerable energy charting and pursuing a life path, compelling family circumstances often interrupt our routines and force us to hastily travel to distant places.

Quite often, such circumstances land us in partnership with service providers who have a passion for being there when families are in crisis. I write this column as I fly home to Sacramento from Tampa. My dad occupies a bed in a rehabilitation facility and faces several weeks of therapy sessions.

We do not know yet whether the professionals investing their talents in him will conclude that he can be safe in his own home.

This team of professionals with whom I was completely impressed -- every bit like our team at our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) -- displays what leadership guru Ken Blanchard termed the Spirit of the Squirrel.

In Blanchard’s parallel, squirrels who gather and store nuts for the winter intrinsically know that their work is worthwhile, for if they do not perform it with passion and purpose, they will not eat.

Employees who possess and embody the spirit of the squirrel exude a clear understanding that their work is worthwhile and important. This includes not only direct services to customers but also less-visible and routine administrative tasks such as preparing shift reports and logging diary entries. These all result in added value to the lives of those we serve.

In Tampa, I was on the receiving end of social services for a change and was immediately struck by how guest families at our KFH must certainly appreciate our staff. They must sense the spirit of the squirrel in our team.

Our employees (and our hundreds of volunteers) play a role in the success of our non-profit enterprise and we want them to understand how truly important they are. With the Tampa experience fresh in my mind, I will walk into our KFH this coming week and tell them just that.

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Impressions
The monthly column
by Dan Germain
KFH House Director

Speaking of Ken Blanchard...

Kenneth Hartley Blanchard is an American author and management expert. His book The One Minute Manager has sold over 13 million copies and has been translated into 37 languages.

In regard to the Spirit of the Squirrel, Mr. Blanchard writes:

Why do squirrels work so hard?
Squirrels perform worthwhile work. They gather food not only for themselves but also for others in the winter.

This first secret contains three main elements.

First, it’s important that people know they are making the world a better place. Seldom do we help our people analyze their jobs and look at the end results -- how they improve others’ quality of life. People want to make a difference; they want to know they perform important work. The key to making this happen is sharing information with people so they understand why things are done a certain way and what part their work plays in the overall scheme.

Second, for the Spirit of the Squirrel to be present, everyone needs to work toward a shared goal. Managers can initiate goals, but unless they generate commitment from the people who must accomplish them, the goals will become meaningless.

The third aspect of the Spirit of the Squirrel is values. In fact, values guide all plans, decisions and actions. Without a sense of purpose and a positive attitude when working toward goals, you risk running an organization where self-interest rules.

The Spirit of the Squirrel is all about the visionary role of leadership. Scriptures say, “Without vision, the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18). Leaders today must begin with a strong vision and a set of positive beliefs that support it; without them, the people they lead will not only lose, they’ll be lost. Lacking something to uplift their hearts when difficulties arise, their minds will not be equal to the challenge of achieving their goals.

Realizing this, we recently rethought our mission and values statements at Blanchard Training and Development Inc.

Our new mission statement is: To unleash the potential and power of people and organizations for the common good.

And here are our new core values statements:

- Behave in a legal, fair and balanced manner.
- Make and keep our own commitments to customers, colleagues, the company and ourselves.
- Contribute to the growth and prosperity of our company through individual, team and total company effort.
- Show respect for self and others by being open, honest and truthful, and by resolving conflict.
- We will learn, cheer each other on and do worthwhile, high-quality work.

Tabares Bright Award
(Continued from page 1)

The occasion was entitled “Mr. T. Spaghetti Feed.”

Robert Tabares is a high school teacher in the Elk Grove Unified School District in California.

He served as the Key Club Advisor in Florin High School, and continued in this position when he was transferred to Pleasant Grove High School.

His current and past students planned the “Mr. T. Spaghetti Feed.”

It was a dual purpose event: 1. To raise money for Pediatric Trauma Prevention and 2. to honor their beloved teacher, educator, and mentor.

Over 200 students and friends attended.

Many gave testimony as to the impact Mr. Tabares has had on their lives.

Mr. Tabares organized the “Awakethon”, a chaperoned overnight event in the high school which raises money for charities. The top charities are Gauche Disease (a rare genetic disorder), and our Kiwanis Family House.

Bill Hooper reported that our KFH benefitted with over $50,000 from the Awakethons.
There is a plan to redo the walkway in front of the Kiwanis Family House.

**Needed:** A person with experience working with concrete to pour a walkway in front of the house.

**Also needed:** People to move the bricks currently there and help with framing for the walkway.

Anyone with a green thumb who could help us with the landscape maintenance or upgrading the landscape please call House Director Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116 or dangermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

KFH Board member Calvin Hara takes care of most of our maintenance needs at the House, but he could use some help from a Handyman.

Calvin Hara can be reached at (916) 812-5524 cmhara@comcast.net
At UC Davis Children's Hospital, ECLS is performed by a team of highly skilled physicians, nurses and cardiovascular perfusionists trained to provide extracorporeal life support. All patients treated using ECLS have a bedside nurse dedicated to the care of the patient as well as a second, specially trained nurse committed to the management of the ECLS machine. A physician trained in ECLS technology manages or co-manages each of the patients on ECLS, and a UC Davis Medical Center perfusionist is available at all times to assist with the equipment and patient management.

"What makes the Extracorporeal Life Support Program at UC Davis so special is the chance to work closely with such a wonderful team, to help our very sickest patients," said Robert Pretzlaff, chief of the Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics of the UC Davis School of Medicine. ECLS frequently is used in newborns with severe lung disease; older children treated with ECLS fall into several categories, including children who have suffered severe trauma, have severe pneumonia or other infections and those with acquired heart disease, such as myocarditis or cardiomyopathy. ECLS also permits the hearts of infants and children who have undergone surgery for congenital heart disease to rest and recover following surgery.

ELSO is a consortium of health-care professionals and scientists dedicated to the development and evaluation of novel therapies for the support of failing organ systems. The organization promotes ongoing research into the most effective treatment methods by maintaining a registry of patients receiving extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and providing educational programs for member centers and the broader medical and lay communities.

UC Davis Children's Hospital is the Sacramento region's only nationally ranked, comprehensive hospital for children, serving infants, children, adolescents and young adults with primary, subspecialty and critical care. It includes the Central Valley's only pediatric emergency department and Level I pediatric trauma center, which offers the highest level of care for critically ill children. http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/children/
“Letters, we get letters, we get stacks and stacks of letters…”

These letters are left at our KFH addressed to you. They are published to show our readers of the impact made by the staff and services of our Kiwanis Family House and UC Davis Medical Center. The letters are published as originally written and punctuated. This is to preserve the sincerity and spontaneity of the writer.

“Thank you, so very much for allowing us to stay here at the Family Kiwanis House.
“Everyone has been so kind and supportive.
“I thank God for your and your hospitality. For the food that we could eat when we hadn’t the money to buy.
“I will always treasure these special memories and all the kind and helpful staff.
“May God richly bless you and this beautiful house and all of your staff.
“Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

“My dearest Kiwanis Family –
“I love you and miss you, thank you!
“Thanks for housing me, feeding me, and all of the emotional support!
“Kiwanis Family House is a wonderful, the most wonderful, give a person (family) could receive in a desperate time of need.
“And I am grateful.
“Many wonderful things happened to us because we were at KFH.
“All my love!”

“To Kiwanis House,
“This was an amazing experience here. I really loved the staff here and experience was awesome.
“I never experienced something like that.
“Thank you Kiwanis Safe House.”

“I just want to say God Bless you all for having us and you’ve all been so nice to us. Sharing your home, we couldn’t ask for better….”

“Its being nice staying here.
“I appreciate it so much and thanks a lot you guys”

“You’re someone who’s appreciated.
“This is a wish just for you– a wish that appreciates you for all your are, a wish that thanks you for everything you’ve done…
“A wish that hopes joy and good things come your way– a wish that is felt deep in the heart all year long.
“Thank you for just being you.
“With much love and appreciation”

“Bless you all for the loving care you provided for my family in such difficult times.”

“It has been such a blessing to stay here! I felt very special being in an unfamiliar place!
“This is a wonderful thing that they all do.
“Thanks for everything. Staff is A++
“God Bless!”

“We are so grateful that in our time of need this place welcomes us with loving arms.
“Thank you to everyone here for their generosity and their kind words.
“It has made this ordeal a little easier to live through”

“Thank all of you for being so kind. We could have not made it without the Kiwanis Family House.
“I will never forget none of you.
“Thank you so very much. God Bless all of you for your kindness!”

“I think Kiwanis Family House is great, and a fine noble gesture. Everything is fine here and all the people are great. Thank you all very much.”

“My name is (name). My dad received an (organ) transplant at the last minute.
“Having the room here helped relived some of the stress of the situation.
“Meeting all the people here and hearing their stories and how everyone here comes together really shows the hand of God.

“Thank you so very much for my wonderful time I spent here.
“It really helped me so I could go to the hospital for my son.
“He had an organ transplant and he is doing just great.
“Also thanks for letting my granddaughter stay here with me.

“Thank you for everything”

“To all of the wonderful ladies at the Kiwanis House.
“This is just a way to say, we love you, just a way to say we care.
“Thank you all for your help and time we shared.
“For all the kindness you showed us and for the happy memories we will have.
“God Bless the Kiwanis House.”

“Kiwanis Family House: Just a thank you from the family of (name).
“It was so very nice to have a great place to stay. (Name) is still in U.C. Davis Hospital, so we will be back down there to stay some more.
“We just wanted to let you know what a great thing it is you do for families in need at such a hard-hard time.
“Please let everyone at the house know how much you mean and meant to us.
“Much-much-much Thanks! Thanks!!

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Kiwanian Larry Viegas is inviting everyone to take part in a raffle to benefit our Kiwanis Family House.

The handcrafted quilt above is made of Harley-Davidson T-shirts from all over the United States and from some foreign countries.

It will fit a queen size bed.

Cost for a raffle ticket is $10 and if you want to increase your chances of winning, by 12 tickets for $100.

This project is underwritten by the Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights, California.

Contact Larry at (916) 601-2608 or email him at Viegas@surewest.net

Now you can help support the Kiwanis Family House by using Facebook. If you are on Facebook (or are planning on joining) you should “Like” the Kiwanis Family House page.

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**Eliminate**

Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus

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With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.